

PATENT
IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE
(123871.1)

RECEIVED
CENTRAL FAX CENTER

SEP 10 2004

Applicant: Li et al Paper Number: 6
U.S.S.N: 10/696,855 Art Unit: 3617
Filing Date: 10/30/03 Examiner: Jules, F.
Title: AXLE ASSEMBLY

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, DC 20231

Sir:

The following is in response to the Office Action mailed on June 10, 2004 in the above captioned patent application.

1. In the Drawings. The drawings are objected to under 37 CFR 1.83(a). In response, Applicant hereby submits a Replacement sheet, attached at the end of this Response, showing three steel inserts 91 in the cast iron tube of Fig. 2. Applicant respectfully requests that this objection be withdrawn.

REMARKS

1. Claims 1-13 are pending in the application and stand rejected. In view of the foregoing amendments and following remarks, Applicant requests reexamination of the application and reconsideration of the rejection of the unallowed claims.

10/696,855

1

BEST AVAILABLE COPY

08-10-2004 02:14PM FROM-Miller Canfield Troy Office

+2488792001

T-672 P.001/006 F-489

by Sidney Davy Miller


 Detroit • Grand Rapids
 Howell • Kalamazoo
 Lansing • Monroe • Troy
 New York, NY
 Pensacola, FL
 Washington, DC

 CANADA: Windsor, ON
 POLAND: Gdynia
 Katowice • Warsaw

DIRECT FAX: (248) 879-2001

 840 West Long Lake Road, Suite 200
 Troy, Michigan 48098
 TEL: (248) 879-2000
 FAX: (248) 879-2001
www.millercanfield.com

 RECEIVED
 CENTRAL FAX CENTER

SEP 10 2004

FAX COVER SHEET

This facsimile contains PRIVILEGED AND CONFIDENTIAL INFORMATION intended only for the use of the Addressee(s) named below. If you are not the intended recipient, you are hereby notified that any dissemination or copying of this facsimile is strictly prohibited. If you have received this facsimile in error, please immediately notify us by telephone and return the original facsimile to us at the above address via the Postal Service. Thank you.

PLEASE DELIVER TO	FAX TELEPHONE NO.
Executive Frantz Jules	703-872-9306

FROM	Bob Pott	C/M NO. USER NO.	123871.1
TELEPHONE	313-496-7568	DATE	9/10/04

COMMENTSHARD COPY TO FOLLOW: ☐ YES ☒ NOTotal Number of Pages 6 (including this cover sheet)
 IF YOU DO NOT RECEIVE ALL PAGES, PLEASE CALL _____ AT _____
 _____, AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.

Transmitted by: _____ Time: _____

**This Page is Inserted by IFW Indexing and Scanning
Operations and is not part of the Official Record**

BEST AVAILABLE IMAGES

Defective images within this document are accurate representations of the original documents submitted by the applicant.

Defects in the images include but are not limited to the items checked:

- ☐ **BLACK BORDERS**
- ☐ **IMAGE CUT OFF AT TOP, BOTTOM OR SIDES**
- ☐ **FADED TEXT OR DRAWING**
- ☐ **BLURRED OR ILLEGIBLE TEXT OR DRAWING**
- ☒ **SKEWED/SLANTED IMAGES**
- ☐ **COLOR OR BLACK AND WHITE PHOTOGRAPHS**
- ☐ **GRAY SCALE DOCUMENTS**
- ☐ **LINES OR MARKS ON ORIGINAL DOCUMENT**
- ☐ **REFERENCE(S) OR EXHIBIT(S) SUBMITTED ARE POOR QUALITY**
- ☐ **OTHER:** _____

IMAGES ARE BEST AVAILABLE COPY.

As rescanning these documents will not correct the image problems checked, please do not report these problems to the IFW Image Problem Mailbox.